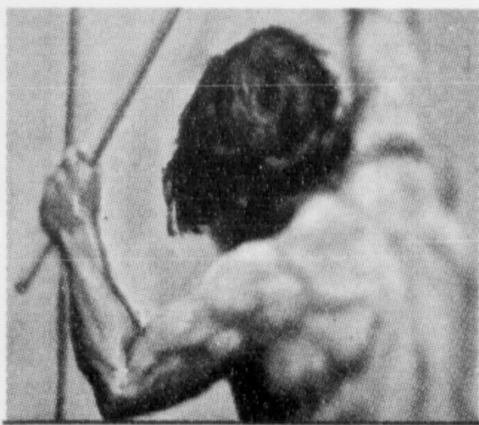


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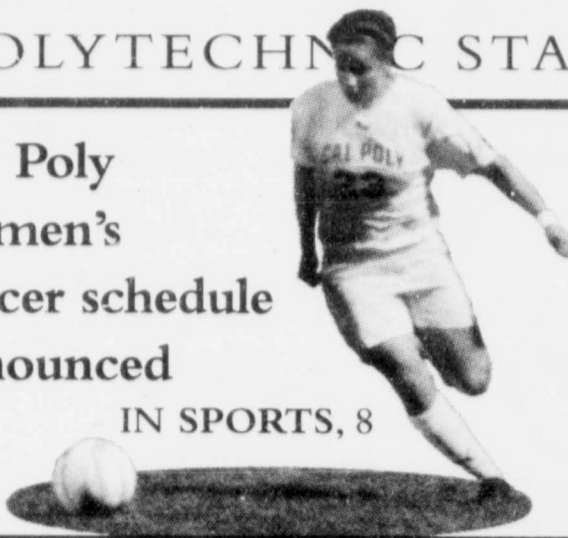


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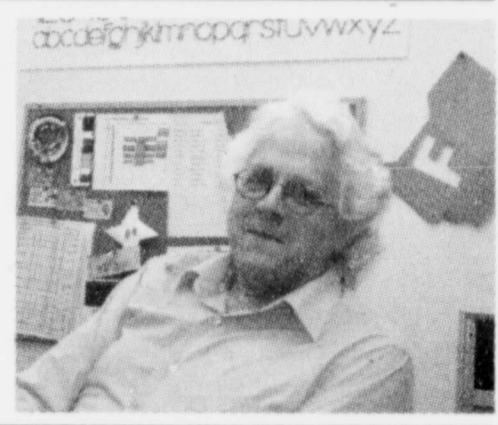
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Marijuana-related violence on the rise in SLO County

Lauren Rabaino

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Two marijuana-related crimes have struck San Luis Obispo County in the past three weeks, contributing to an increase in what authorities are calling "home invasion" robberies — robberies that occur at a residence using force or violence, usually by gunpoint.

Both Rob Bryn, a spokesperson for the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department, and Eric Vitale, a detective for the San Luis Obispo Police Department, confirmed that violence spurred by marijuana conflicts is on the rise in San Luis Obispo County.

During the past six months, San Luis Obispo police have investigated an estimated 10 home invasion cases related to marijuana. In prior years, there were only one to two cases annually, Vitale said.

As a result of the the most recent incident, one man is dead and an-

other injured after a shooting in Los Osos Saturday, sheriff's department officials said. Bryn said the shooting was a result of a marijuana-related dispute.

Because the Los Osos shooting is still under investigation, the sheriff's department has declined to release any details about the people involved, except the name of the man who was killed, 20-year-old Kelsea Grant Alvarez.

The shooting took place inside a house at 11911 12th St. At this point, it's unclear who was the suspect and who was the victim, Bryn said. Results from Alvarez's autopsy will reveal whether different caliber bullets were shot, which might give insight into what took place during the shoot-out.

In a separate incident that hits closer to home for Cal Poly students, police arrested four suspects July 15 in connection with a marijuana-related robbery at gunpoint that

occurred at Mustang Village apartments.

One victim — 18-year-old Ron Silva, who was the tenant of the allegedly robbed apartment — said he had a medicinal marijuana card.

He and the other occupant — an unidentified 15 year old — answered the door June 30 around 9:30 p.m. and four men rushed in and wrapped them in duct tape, police said. One victim was allegedly struck in the face with a pistol.

The suspects then proceeded to steal the marijuana, cash and other items around the apartment. Police are still trying to recover the items, valued at approximately \$1,500.

Deleon Robinson and Ryan Eaton, both 18 and from San Luis Obispo, and 19-year-old Ty Silacci of Paso Robles were arrested in connection with the incident. They were booked into the county jail with bail set at \$70,000.

An unidentified 16 year old was

also arrested in connection with the crime and booked at the Juvenile County Services Center.

MustangVillage management said they asked Silva to leave the property after they learned the crime involved possession of drugs. He moved out July 10.

"We are seeing an increase in these kinds of crimes, and at this agency we have a high success rate (in catching the suspects)," Vitale said.

When the cases do occur, Vitale said the San Luis Obispo Police Department puts "all its resources" into the investigations.

Bryn said that in addition to an increase in marijuana-related crimes, the encounters are becoming increasingly more violent.

The ambiguity over the legality of marijuana in California is a contributing factor. In San Luis Obispo County, a Medical Marijuana Identification Card (MMIC) program

was established in May 2006. The MMIC allows patients and caregivers state authorization to possess, grow and transport medicinal marijuana in California. But on a federal level, marijuana — even in medicinal cases — is illegal.

"Everyone wants to hide behind medicinal marijuana, but really these are drug deals," Bryn said.

He cited the fact that Morro Bay, located just 15 miles northwest of San Luis Obispo, formerly had a medicinal marijuana dispensary, and said that is why the area is so prone to violence related to the drug.

The dispensary, Central Coast Compassionate Caregivers, was sanctioned by state and local governments but was raided by federal agents in 2007.

The dispensary owner, Charles Lynch, was sentenced to one year in federal prison.

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Is a minor a major deal?

Advisors question the importance of minors.

Daniel Triassi and
Kate McIntyre

MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly offers 70 minors, giving students a chance to explore different areas like biology, equine science or ethnic studies without the forms, GPA and time required to switch to another of the 64 available majors. But academic advisers disagree about the importance of minors in students' college careers.

"Minors offer students an opportunity to expand their breadth of knowledge," Cal Poly Academic Program Analyst Mary Whiteford said.

For example, declaring a minor within your department could add more depth to your knowledge of your chosen field.

Social sciences senior Renuka Varigonda was looking for a minor that encompassed several areas of social sciences but couldn't find one. So she declared two, international relations and economics.

"I wanted to triple minor but my parents said they aren't made of money," she said.

While a minor might enrich students' college experiences, it is important to note that it might not help a student's chance of being accepted to graduate school or landing a job, according to CPSU Career

Services Counselor Jane Johnson.

"Is it going to give you that much of a leg up? Not necessarily," she said. "It depends on the combination."

For example, she said, a marketing major might want a statistic minor, and employers love that.

Those looking to apply to graduate school should choose carefully. A minor that lowers their GPA may be more detrimental than helpful.

Cal Poly pre-law advisor Ronald Den Otter agrees. "As far as law school admissions go, having a minor in law and society, for instance, will not improve one's chances of being accepted."

"Law school admissions committees take other factors, such as LSAT score and GPA, very seriously. I don't think that a minor helps one to get into law school, unless the circumstances are unusual."

Minors might help enhance a college education, but for some it is more important to graduate on time.

Food science senior Kyra Korst transferred to Cal Poly from Cuesta College last year. She would have liked to declare a dairy science or nutrition minor but didn't want the extra classes to interrupt her plan to graduate next June.

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Cal Poly organic farm grows into itself

Katie Koschalk

MUSTANG DAILY

What takes up 11 certified organic acres of Cal Poly land, has a van named Helmut "the tank" Lopez and produces fresh, organic produce daily?

Not sure? Then you might not have heard of the Cal Poly Organic Farm: an on-campus, student-run farm that produces an array of organic vegetables including kale, carrots, squash, peppers, jumbo flat Italian beans, onion, cilantro, potato, tomatillo collard greens and cabbage.

In addition to producing an assortment of fresh vegetables, the Cal Poly Organic Farm operates differently than an average farm in a few ways.

First, the Cal Poly Organic Farm is "certified organic" by California Certified Organic Farmers. Being certified means that an inspector has verified that the farm's organic system plan (a detailed description of the practices and procedures used by an operation to produce organic goods) accurately depicts the farm's practices and procedures, according to the California Certified Organic Farmers Web site.

Second, the Cal Poly Organic Farm's motivation is not centered around money. Naturally, money is necessary to keep the farm operating, yet it is not the main in-



KATIE KOSCHALK MUSTANG DAILY

Crates full of fresh produce await pick-up from members of the Community Supported Agriculture program.

centive driving student employees and volunteers.

"Our mission is to educate students about sustainable farming," said manager Cindy Douglas. "It's not about selling vegetables."

There are 40 Cal Poly students, half of whom are agriculture students who work on the farm for money, credit or food and do all of the farm work and marketing, Douglas said.

"I think it's really cool because it's all run by students who are really into it," said civil engineering junior Kaitlyn Beesley-Campos.

The concept of running a farm based on student participation developed in the mid-1980s.

In 1989, Cal Poly agriculture student Hunter Francis, developed a thesis, aiming to incorporate sustainable agriculture into the curriculum by creating a class called Organic Agriculture (AG 315).

The next big change came in 2000. Francis and fellow Cal Poly agriculture student, Terry Hooker, formed the Sustainable

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Agriculture Resource Consortium (SARC). SARC established a foundation at Cal Poly to encourage sustainable agricultural practices and make a profit.

To financially support their project, Terry Hooker created the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program the same year. Students and community members pay a weekly fee in exchange for a colorful box full of fresh vegetables produced on the farm. Members pick up their box at the farm or can have it delivered for an additional cost.

Today the program has about 300 members, according to the Cal Poly Organic Farm Web site.

Community members pay \$318 for a large box and \$240 for a small box, with a 12-week minimum requirement. Students can buy a discounted large box for \$306 or a small box for \$228 for or a small box.

"It's a good way to provide healthy foods to students. I just think that more people need to know about it," Beesley-Campos said.

The last reason the Cal Poly Organic Farm is different from your average farm is it's charitable contributions.

The Cal Poly Organic Farm donates about \$3,000 worth of vegetables a year to local homeless shelters and food banks, including the Food Bank in Paso Rob-

les, the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter in San Luis Obispo, and Backyard Harvest in Paso Robles, Douglas said.

"It's really just beginning, but we're hoping to develop a permanent relationship with the farm," said Carl Hanson, executive director of the Food Bank in Paso Robles. "It's local, provides people with healthy produce, saves us having to pay freight to get food shipped in, and it puts sustainable farming to work."

"I think it's great that they (Cal Poly Organic Farm) set up a program that has enabled members of the community to help the homeless by creating a way for people to donate to a good cause. Every little bit helps," said Amalia Mahana, a cook at the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter.

The Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter has been receiving produce from the Cal Poly Organic Farm for about a year, picking up a box of vegetables monthly, depending on what is seasonally available and needed for meals.

"We have received beautiful tomatoes, beautiful peppers, lettuce, and squash. All the vegetables were wonderful quality, especially the tomatoes and peppers. They were exquisite," Mahana said.

While the cooks might appreciate a superb pepper, the homeless people that frequent the shelter are learning to appreciate the benefits of organic produce.

"I think it helps people to become more aware of organic food. I always tell the people

where their food is coming from and I think they are surprised to learn that it is organic. They'll say, 'Oh, this is organic? But it's so beautiful,'" Mahana said.

The contribution of organic produce is also appreciated by Backyard Harvest, an all-volunteer organization, which provides 1,000 families a week with fresh fruits and vegetables, according to the Backyard Harvest Web site.

The concept of Backyard Harvest stemmed from the idea that the neediest people in the community should not be receiving the lowest quality of food. While many food banks provide canned and packaged goods to those in need, Backyard Harvest strives to provide fresh, healthy options by collecting extra produce from dozens of small neighborhood gardens.

The Cal Poly Farm has donated to Backyard Harvest many times within the past couple of years. The farm generally donates shares that are not picked up by their members and excess from the farm, said Amy White, the project coordinator of the Backyard Harvest chapter in Paso Robles.

"We love the organic farm, they have been a great support of our cause," White said.

The Cal Poly Organic Farm is always looking for more support as well.

"We encourage anyone who is interested to come on out," Douglas said.

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"It would have added more time to my schooling," she said.

It would also have added to her credit card bill. An extra quarter, for instance, would cost her approximately \$4,500 for tuition and room and board. And that's not taking into consideration how staying longer might affect her chances in the job market or how much money she would have gained during that time if she had been working.

The Process

Cal Poly minors are typically added every two years when a new course catalog comes out.

A faculty member proposes a minor to their department's curriculum committee, which then sends it to other departments' faculty and advisors in the college curriculum committee.

If it gets the stamp of approval, it is reviewed by the academic senate curriculum committee, made up of 16 people including faculty, senior administrators and one student nominated by ASI President Kelly Griggs. The committee considers the proposal based on several criteria such as the courses the minor requires, the expertise of the faculty teaching the courses and university regulations regarding minors.

After the full senate deliberates, President Baker has the ultimate authority but typically delegates the decision to Provost Koob.

The 10 most popular minors, in descending order

1. Psychology
2. Sustainable Environments
3. Wine and Viticulture
4. Construction Management
5. Agribusiness
6. Art
7. Spanish
8. Economics
9. French
10. Graphic Communication

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"We're still dealing with residual fallout," Bryn said. "It gives the impression, wrongly, that marijuana is legal."

Assemblyman Tom Ammiano (D-San Francisco) introduced Assembly Bill 390, which would legalize the cultivation and distribution of cannabis.

A national organization called the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP) is pushing for the passage of the bill.

"If marijuana was legal and regulated, violence would disappear," said Bruce Mirken, the California representative for the MPP.

He compared the legalization of the drug to that of alcohol. During the prohibition period in the early 1900s, violence over alcohol was at an all-time high, but has since subsided.

"How often do you see crime reports of shoot outs between beer

distributors and wine vendors?" Mirken said.

Vitale said marijuana-related home invasion robberies are more common than robberies related to other narcotics because marijuana dealers aren't broke like cocaine or meth dealers, for example, making marijuana thefts more profitable.

"Marijuana dealers, we find, always have a large amount of cash, and bad guys know that too," Vitale said.

Vitale said there has only been one marijuana-related case involving college students in San Luis Obispo, when suspects entered the wrong housing unit in January and robbed the occupants.

"In some of these cases, they've entered the wrong house and innocent (people) are hurt," Vitale said.

He urges students to lock their doors with a deadbolt and avoid answering the doors for strangers.

"If they enter, give what they're asking for," Vitale said. "Property is replaceable, your life and well-being are not."

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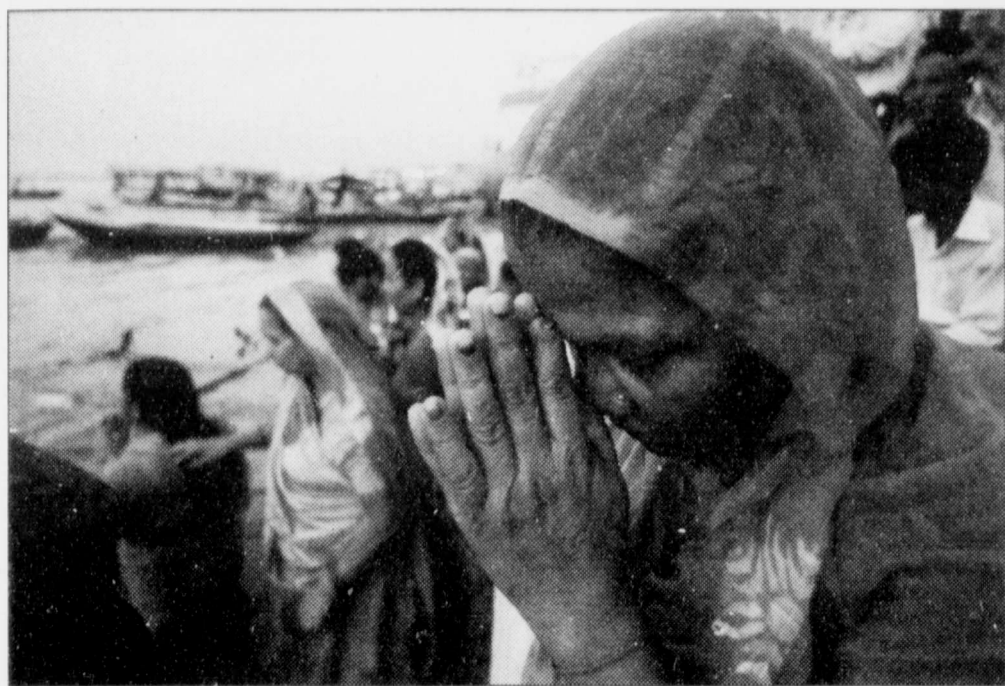
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Women offer prayers to the Sun God as they congregate on the banks of the River Ganges during solar eclipse in Varanasi, India, Wednesday. The longest solar eclipse of the 21st century pitched a swath of Asia from India to China into near darkness Wednesday as millions gathered to watch the phenomenon.

Full solar eclipse turns day to night in Asia

Jay Alabaster
ASSOCIATED PRESS

From the Ganges River in India to remote islands of the Pacific, the sun rose Wednesday only to vanish again, allowing the stars to twinkle into view in the longest total solar eclipse this century will see — a celestial show that inspired awe and fear in millions across Asia.

Revelers launched fireworks and danced in Shanghai, while on a remote Japanese island, bewildered cattle went to their feeding troughs thinking night had fallen. And in India, a woman was crushed to death as thousands crowded the banks of the Ganges River for a glimpse.

The skies darkened first in India just after dawn, then a wide swath of Asia was blackened as the eclipse moved eastward over southern Japan and then off into the Pacific Ocean. In some areas, the eclipse lasted as long as six minutes and 39 seconds.

In the sacred Indian city of Allahabad, Hindu holy men wearing beads and gripping spears donned special glasses to watch, while women and children viewed the spectacle through X-ray films.

Along the banks of the Ganges, thousands of devotees turned out to pray, chant and bathe in the waters, which were dotted with women in colorful saris and bare-chested men, all wearing dark glasses. Those who watched from the Ganges town of Varanasi had some of the best views in India, with the sun blotted out for almost four minutes.

The gathering was marred when a 65-year-old woman was killed and six people injured in a stampede at a river bank where about 2,500 people had gathered, said police spokesman Surendra Srivastava. He said it was not clear how the stampede started.

Others in India were gripped by fear and refused to go outdoors. In Hindu mythology, an eclipse is said

to be caused when a dragon-demon swallows the sun, while another myth says the sun's rays during an eclipse can harm unborn children.

"My mother and aunts have called and told me stay in a darkened room with the curtains closed, lie in bed and chant prayers," said 24-year-old Krati Jain, who is expecting her first child.

Total eclipses are caused when the moon moves directly between the sun and the Earth, covering it completely to cast a shadow on Earth.

Wednesday's was the longest since July 11, 1991, when a total eclipse lasting six minutes and 53 seconds was visible from Hawaii to South America. There will not be a longer eclipse until 2132.

In many regions across Asia the view was obscured by cloudy weather, but skies above some Indian cities cleared minutes before the eclipse began at 6:24 a.m.

People were not so lucky in some other regions.

On the tiny Japanese island of Akuseki, where the eclipse lasted six minutes and 25 seconds, more than 200 tourists had to take shelter inside a school gymnasium due to a tornado warning.

But when the sky started to darken, everyone rushed out into the schoolyard, cheering and applauding.

"The sky turned dark like in the dead of the night. The air turned cooler and cicadas stopped singing. Everything was so exciting and moving," said island official Seiichi Fukushima.

Some villagers said their cows gathered at feeding stations as darkness fell, apparently mistaking the eclipse as a signal it was dinner time, he said.

In Tokyo, elated children wearing red-and-gray framed glasses turned their faces skyward to watch the sun disappear at the Sunshine International Aquarium. Even a seal had a pair of yellow sunglasses perched on his nose for the event.

State

SALINAS (AP) — A major California lettuce grower has recalled about 22,000 cartons of romaine lettuce over concerns that the product may be tainted with salmonella.

Tanimura & Antle Inc. of Salinas issued the voluntary recall Wednesday for cartons of bulk or wrapped romaine marked with the lot code 531380. The lettuce was harvested between June 25 and July 2 and sold to retail, wholesale and food service outlets across the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Company officials say technicians are reviewing the firm's food safety procedures.

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MONTEREY, Calif. (AP) — The nation's security chief used a speech in Monterey to push for immigration reform.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano told an annual gathering of federal judges and court officials Monday that immigration reform is on the top of her list of pressing issues.

Napolitano told the opening of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference in Monterey that she will be involved in the drafting of reform legislation being pushed by the Obama administration.

National

HOUSTON (AP) — The Michael Jackson investigation took a stunning turn Wednesday as authorities raided the offices of the doctor who was with the pop star when he died. The physician's lawyer said investigators appear to be building a manslaughter case.

Two dozen federal drug agents and a pair of Los Angeles police officers spent more than two hours in a clinic that Dr. Conrad Murray sometimes shares in a lower-income area of north Houston, taking copied files from an office hard drive and 21 documents, according to Murray's attorney Edward Chernoff.

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ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A Pennsylvania woman was charged Wednesday with criminal neglect for allegedly placing foreign exchange students in filthy homes strewn with animal waste, short on food and sheltering ex-convicts.

Edna Burgette, 69, of Scranton was charged with five felony counts related to the placement of teenagers from Norway, Colombia, Nigeria, Tanzania and Vietnam for Aspect Foundation, a San Francisco-based exchange agency that paid Burgette \$400 for each student she placed.

Burgette's whereabouts were unknown Wednesday and police were looking for her. It also was not immediately clear if she had an attorney.

International

GUANGZHOU, China (AP) — Chinese worker Sun Danyong was responsible for handling the prototypes of one of the world's hottest products — the iPhone. When one of the gadgets went missing and his company began investigating him, he jumped off his apartment building and killed himself.

The death — which involves allegations that security guards roughed up the worker — prompted Apple Inc. on Wednesday to issue a terse statement, insisting that all the company's contractors must treat workers with respect and dignity.

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TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — U.S. Vice President Joe Biden on Wednesday pledged support for efforts by Ukraine and Georgia to break free of Russia's orbit, saying Washington would not recognize Kremlin claims to an exclusive sphere of influence over former Soviet states.

Biden's assurances in visits to both countries bluntly addressed the most volatile issue dividing Russia and the West, and were offered just two weeks after President Barack Obama was in Moscow seeking to heal U.S.-Russia relations.

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Cal Poly graphic design professor claims to have the "documentary gene"

Tim Miller
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CAL POLY PROFILE

He surveyed the landscape several thousand feet below him and fired away with one of his two 70mm Hasselblad cameras. The action was familiar but the scene unique as he floated through the stifling summer sky over Russia in a hot air balloon during the Cold War. Next to him was a Russian "guide"

who warned him that taking aerial photography was illegal. He ignored the "advice" of the man who may or may not have been a KGB agent and continued shooting.

It would take another year until communist control of the country would crumble. Brian Lawler wasn't concerned with the uncertainty and accepted the invitation of the communist regime. He also was not concerned about leaving the country with more than 10,000 photographs, which he had taken to satisfy his need to document anything and everything he encountered.

Leaning over the side of the wicker basket, he focused his camera at the golden domes of orthodox churches in the small town of

Suzdal. A Soviet military Mi-8 helicopter followed the balloons. The flight was only the second in Russian history. Despite this, none of the people on the ground looked up at them, afraid of the attention their curiosity might garner.

Lawler documents things.

"I've always had the documentary gene," he said. "I don't know why, it's a weird thing. Some people go to concerts to listen to the music. When I go to a concert I have to take pictures."

Lawler kept a journal of his trip to Russia that he updated several times a day. He drew diagrams of how the gas delivery system worked and how he would improve it.

"I had the greatest time documenting all this bullshit," he said.

Lawler has traveled all over the world ballooning and photographing but calls San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly home — at least for the last 40 years. He admits that he is a well-known member of the community, not surprising considering his gregarious nature.

Recently he worked on a photomural for the San Luis Obispo Children's Museum. He incorporated several pictures of landmarks in San Luis Obispo, including the Fremont Theatre.

"The real story is how they paid me," he said.

There are letter blocks on two sides of the building that spell out "San Luis Obispo Children's Museum."

um." Letters are inscribed with the sponsors' names.

"I knew that no one would pay \$5,000 for the apostrophe so I asked for my name to be put on it," he said. "I've always ranted about the proper use of apostrophes, so my friends find it ironic that I have my name on one. I can't tell you how many people have noticed it ... Zero!"

The museum is looking to license the mural to other children's museums and Lawler is angling to be compensated by getting his name put on the apostrophe on the other side of the building, ensuring an apostrophe monopoly.

Lawler also designed several exhibits at the museum for younger children such as computer software for a box that emits light and is "more or less designed for kids to giggle," he said.

The connection he shares with students is evident in his lectures. He doesn't hide behind a desk when he speaks, moving into the first row in order to be closer to his students.

He shares his work experiences, while talking about polarizing filters and photoconductive imaging plates.

He has all sorts of practical knowledge for his students including his "rule of thumb," which is "Don't

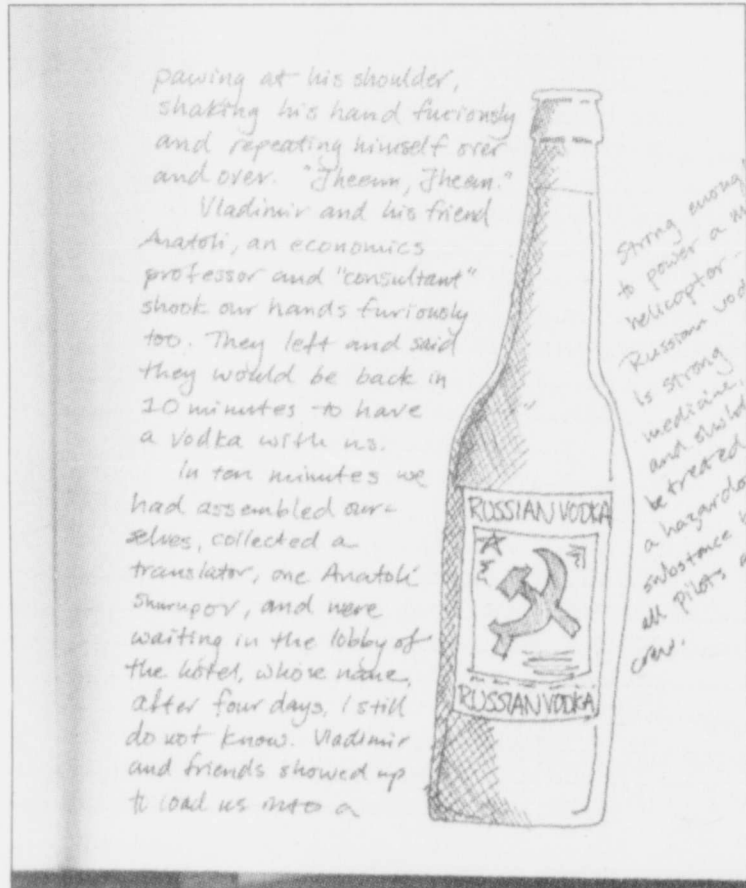
cut your thumb!"

His enthusiasm for the technological side of graphic arts is quite clear. He rushes through the "really cool part" the way a 6 year old describes their first visit to FAO Schwarz.

Printing has been a passion of Lawler's since the age of 11 when he discovered his grandfather's old Chandler & Price press in his basement. With guidance from his mother he began printing greeting cards and invitations to make money.

Lawler said that he struggled with school in junior high until his parents took him to the newly built graphics art building at Cal Poly in 1964.

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Lawler's diary and illustrations document his trip in Russia during the Cold War.



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WORD ON THE STREET

"What minor would you create and what would it entail?"



"A minor in social networking. The coursework would deal with public relations, current events and interworkings of technology."

-Kelsey Rice,
agriculture business senior

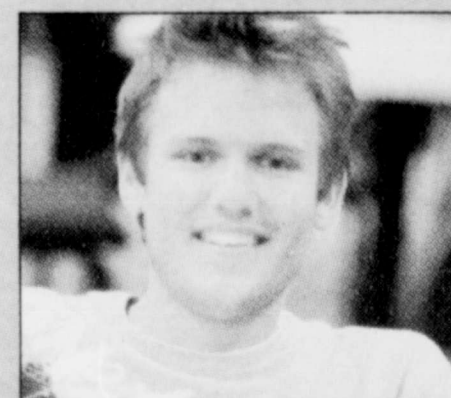
"Piano performance. It would be more tailored to performance and you wouldn't have to do theory."

-Brady Miller,
business administration
sophomore



"Something for all the nerds out there. A game design minor since most of the (computer science) students go into designing online games."

-BJ Thompson,
psychology senior



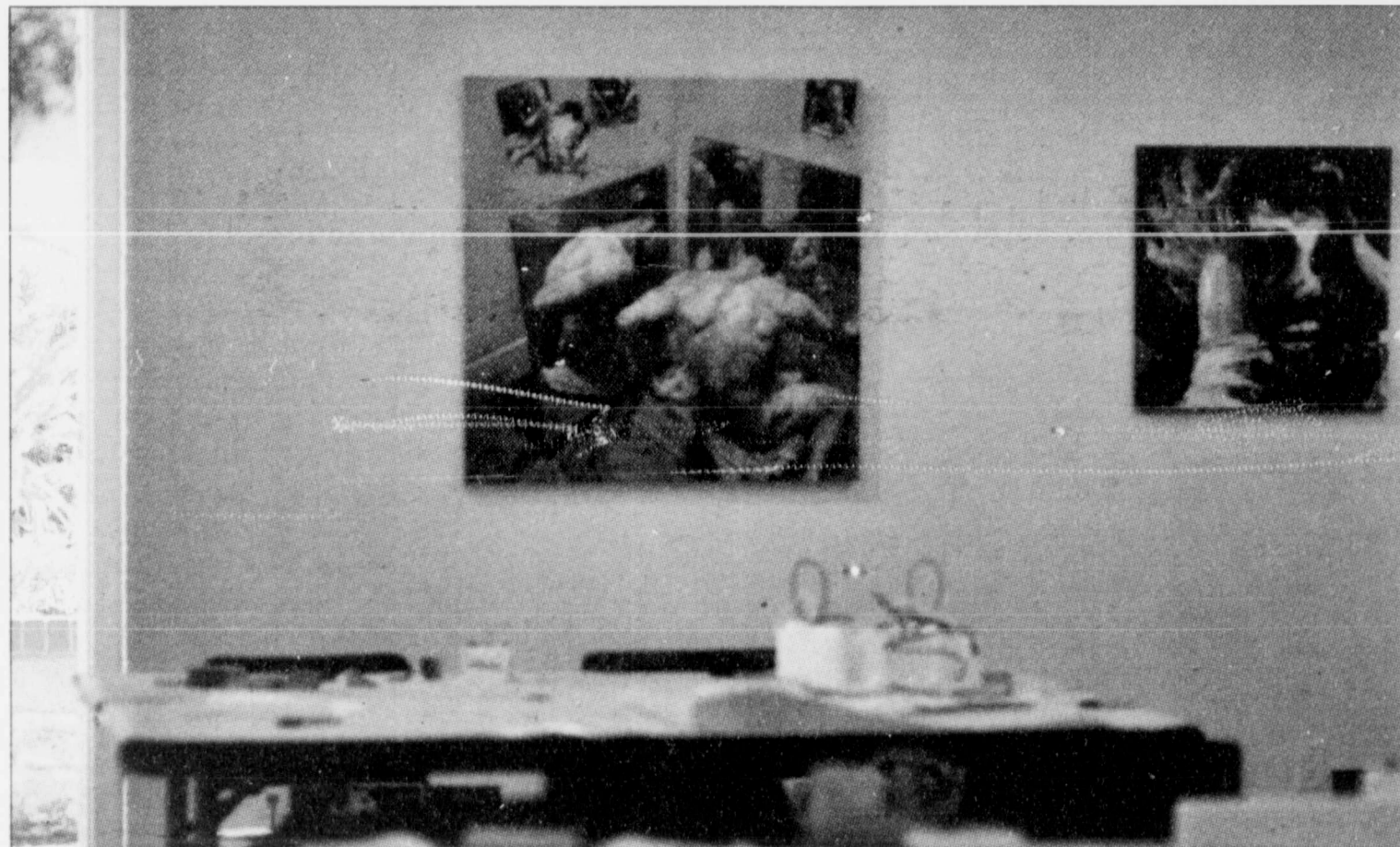
"Employment career resource planning. It would help you learn skills in order to obtain jobs in different global (economic) climates."

-Genieve Owsowitz,
communications senior



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bomb it documentary and discussion



The San Luis Obispo Art Center featured a viewing of the graffiti documentary "Bomb It" and has an exhibit titled "Corpora In Extremis" that portrays the human body.

Daniel Triassi
MUSTANG DAILY

Are graffiti writers artists or criminals? Who has the right to public space? What is a canvas?

On Monday, The San Luis Obispo Art Center discussed these questions after screening the graffiti documentary "Bomb It."

"Bomb It" is a 2007 film by John

Reiss that addresses the history and evolution of graffiti culture on an international level. Reiss' film aims to make a poignant social statement about public space and the dispute among graffiti writers and businesses and law enforcement.

Reiss' film includes interviews ranging from first generation graffiti writers to academic theorists. Segments were shot in North America,

Africa, South America, Europe and Asia to broaden the ethical discussion with a diverse perspective.

The documentary title refers to "bombing", a term graffiti painters choose to describe their work. To bomb generally refers to tagging, the simplest form of graffiti that consists of a stylized signature, instead of complex pieces. Graffiti writers can execute tagging in seconds or as

quickly as detonating a bomb.

The Art Center's current exhibit "Corpora In Extremis," Latin for "bodies at the limits," inspired Art Center Assistant Director Maura Johnston to show the documentary.

"The exhibit asks us to look at figure work outside of our comfort zone just as graffiti pushes social limits outside of our comfort zone," Johnston said. "Both the film and the exhibit are powerful ways to express societal issues."

If public space is a forum for discussion, the question is whose voice will be heard? San Luis Obispo residents had mixed reviews on the graffiti debate after viewing the film.

Lieutenant Proll of the San Luis Obispo Police Department said the police take an anti-art stance on graffiti; to them it is simply a crime.

"They need to take talent somewhere else like their house or a canvas," he said.

California Penal Code Section 594.1 states that the sale, purchase or possession of aerosol paint containers is illegal to anyone under the age of 18. Kids can still buy Sharpies, which are easier to create graffiti with than spray paint said Lieutenant Proll.

An audience member objected.

"It's not the Sharpie; it's the person who is using it," she said.

Others said San Luis Obispo should try alternative options such as building a community wall where it is legal for graffiti writers to tag.

Proll said the San Luis Obispo

Police Department has explored the option of a community wall but community members rejected.

"The community wall leads to all sorts of problems with gangs," he said. "We thought about it but nobody in the neighborhood wanted it."

Johnston countered with philosophical questions.

"If you can go and play music and you are allowed to rightfully assemble and spew your opinions and make public commentary, how is that any different than using public space for graffiti?" she said.

A Santa Maria High School teacher who wished to remain unnamed said that graffiti was not art in any form. One art student ended up with a felony after she caught him destroying his classmates' work.

"He was kicked out of his class, then he is out tagging his initials everywhere: the new Santa Maria library, the mall, the school, everything," she said. "And he told the police officer he did it to keep off of drugs, but when he is given the tools in the classroom to do art he just throws it all away."

Johnston ended the discussion with a thought provoking statement.

"Sometimes you can give people a canvas but the canvas isn't big enough, they want to draw outside of the lines," she said "What is art and what is public space? That is the real question."

Lawler

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He saw all of the art printers and binders and decided right then to attend Cal Poly. The goal of coming to Cal Poly focused Lawler and gave him the incentive he needed to graduate.

Lawler undertakes many different photo projects on his own. He does panoramas of exotic locations and beautiful scenery. He licenses these pictures out to businesses and individuals. Most recently he licensed a panorama of the Golden Gate Bridge to a bowling ally that will reproduce the image 100 feet in length. He relishes the opportunity to get paid for something that he would do anyway.

He has an astounding determination when it comes to getting exactly the shot that he wants. He built his own photo-finish camera designed to take just one picture and he used to shoot a bike race photograph, including every racer in it. After the race he took the camera apart and put the pieces to different use.

"I'll get an idea and go nuts with it for a while," he said. "Then I move on."

He has done a number of time-lapse projects at Cal Poly, een starting a trend by being the first person to make a time-lapse of the installation of Cal Poly's new Heidelberg printing press, now used with the installation of every Heidelberg press. Time-lapse photography is when a stationary camera is set up and pictures are taken at a set interval. The photos are then put in order and compress a long project into a short amount of time.

His most recent time-lapse project was of a massive pipe organ installed in Cal Poly's Performing Arts Center. The organ is of particular interest to

Lawler. He will have an opportunity to perform with it as a member of the San Luis Obispo Vocal Arts Ensemble.

"Printing created a catalyst for an expansion of all the arts," he said. "I'm a history buff when it comes to technology; music adds to that part of the creative continuum."

Some of his closest friends are fellow choir members. He has traveled the world with them. Lawler also finds singing challenging.


"Sometimes I just beat myself because it's so hard," he said. "You literally have to know it with your eyes closed."

He sees his singing with the ensemble as a contribution to the community he has lived in since 1969. He started his San Luis Obispo typesetting, graphic design and photography business in 1972, three years before he graduated from Cal Poly. He eventually sold his business to a larger company but continued to work for them for 19 years overseeing 30 employees including his future wife.

He married Ashala on May Day 1980 and created an elegant typeface, naming "Ashala Light" for her. They have a 21-year-old son who is attending film school in San Francisco.


Brian Lawler is a man of the times. He teaches cutting-edge technology and plays around with all the fanciest "gadgets and gadgets." He is the author of the official Adobe "Print Publishing Guide" an international publication that gets printed in French and Turkish. He writes a blog for graphic arts online as well as maintaining his own Web site. Lawler's tech savvy and local popularity has resulted in his own local Mac ad that proclaims him to be an inventor, an educator, a photographer and a singer.

"The world has gotten more sophisticated, I'm just following it," he said.



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Chris Brown apology fails to demonstrate sincerity



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Brown's conviction of felony assault opens the opportunity to shed light on domestic violence

"Chris Brown should get his ass kicked," the Smoke Jumpers sing. They're right.

R&B singer Brown, 20, assaulted his former girlfriend, pop artist Rihanna, 21, at a Grammy Awards pre-party on February 8.

He was convicted of felony assault in June and will be formally sentenced to 180 days of community service and five years of probation on August 5. He will also attend a two-week course on domestic violence.

People seem to be divided in their views about his actions. Some think we should let him serve his sentence — the standard for first-time offenders — in peace.

Others are outraged at the idea of letting him get out of jail time and pardoning him. Newsweek reporter Raina Kelley debunked Kanye West's suggestion that we should give Brown a break.

"People leave the oven on or fry turkeys in the garage and burn their house down. One may even accidentally step on the gas instead of the brake and run over the family cat," she wrote in an article. "Mistakes resulting in tragic consequences happen all the time. But one cannot mistakenly beat someone up. You do not accidentally give someone black eyes, a broken nose and a split lip."

Brown apologized to fans for his "inexcusable" behavior in a two-minute YouTube video he posted July 21.

Before Tuesday he had been silent about his brutality. Sorry if I can't take your apology seriously when you wait five months to give it.

In addition, posting an online video isn't enough; if that's all he

says about what he calls "the incident," he deserves more than his sentence.

Speaking of which, why hasn't Rihanna said anything about that regrettable night?

It's just as much her opportunity as Brown's to work against the issue. I'm not saying she has to, I would certainly understand her not wanting to relive that night, but perhaps by doing so she might cause some good.

By telling people what she's gone through and how she has dealt with it, people will identify and respond. If she can inspire one person to leave an abusive relationship, that's success.

Speaking out about this issue could also be an opportunity for Chris Brown to be the role model he claims he wants to be. This could show fans and onlookers worldwide that domestic violence is indefensible.

Instead of enduring his sentence quietly, Brown could demonstrate how "truly sorry" he is by joining other celebrities like Harrison Ford, Michael Bolton and Kevin Bacon as a member of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence or Martina McBride and Salma Hayek as part of the National Domestic Violence Hotline celebrity board.

Like Brown, singer Christina Aguilera experienced domestic violence as a child. She filmed a public service announcement advocating community action against domestic violence and showed it during one of her tours.

"I wish I had the chance to live those few moments again, but unfortunately I can't," Brown said in his YouTube apology.

You're right, Brown — you can't change history. There is no way for you to undo that night.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline reports that 33 million or 15 percent of adults who participated in a 2006 Harris Poll admitted that they were a victim of domestic violence, defined as

"behaviors used by one person in a relationship to control the other" by domesticviolence.org.

A pretty substantial number, if you ask me.

Brown apologized to Rihanna and his fans. Now it's time for him to apologize to millions of victims for perpetuating the violence. It's time for him to speak out about domestic violence — what it is, how to prevent it and how to get help.

And he shouldn't be alone in his endeavor.

After the assault, a photo popped up at TMZ.com depicting a battered and bruised Rihanna. The media and online community mobilized to cover the issue.

Recently retired National Organization for Women president Kim Gandy wrote online that the coverage was a prime opportunity to tackle the issue.

"Much coverage, unfortunately, has been from the celebrity scandal angle with precious little substance. It's no wonder that so many women and men have engaged in an enormous amount of victim-blaming," Gandy said. "Outrageous comments about Rihanna, and what she must have done to 'deserve' a beating, are all over the Internet. As frustrating as these comments are, there is much to be learned from them."

I believe the best thing we can all learn from Brown and Rihanna is to be aware of domestic violence, to understand that it is prevalent; not sweep it under the rug or shrug it off as "something that happens to other people." To reach out to and empower victims, to educate ourselves and direct our resources toward ending domestic violence can be our apology to victims — our way of saying, "We're sorry this happened to you. We are listening and we do care."

Kate McIntyre is a journalism senior, Mustang Daily reporter and copy editor



"My understanding is that a parking space costs a minimum of \$25,000 to build and maintain (more for parking structures — talk to the architecture or city/regional planning departments for more on this). Cal Poly should be charging at least \$5.00/day for each spot just to cover their expenses. Therefore, parking passes should be closer to \$250/quarter (assuming a 10-week quarter). You're getting off easy! And you're not polluting!"

— km

Response to "Summer parking should be free"

"Actually, some of us don't live in SLO and cannot take city buses that are provided free of charge with use of your Poly ID Card. If I lived in SLO, I would gladly take the bus to school. I don't understand why they charge people parking for summer classes either. I already am spending lots of gas money to get to campus from Arroyo Grande, where my family lives (and I already drive a Geo Metro and there is no one to car-pool with).

They could at the very least, discount it like they did the admission fees for summer classes. Why not charge half price or something?

It's ridiculous and money grubbing of this school.

Instead, I am forced to fight for free parking on Slack Street. I don't mind walking from Frederick Street either.

It's just really frustrating that they didn't give us a break for the summer, especially when we already pay out the rear for everything for the rest of the school year."

— Melissa

Response to "Summer parking should be free"

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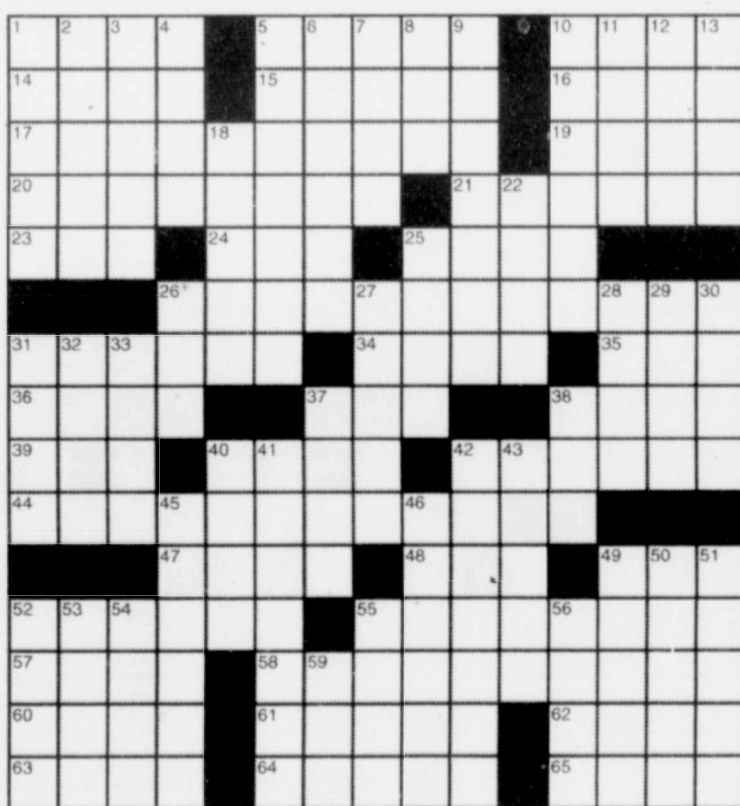
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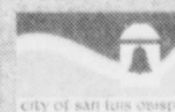


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Deputy: No plans to investigate Roethlisberger

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RENO, Nev. — Law enforcement officials in Nevada have no intention of opening a criminal investigation into allegations Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger raped a woman at a Lake Tahoe hotel-casino a year ago, the sheriff's department said Wednesday.

Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy Teresa Duffy said the accuser would have to file a criminal complaint to trigger an investigation into the incident the woman says occurred during a celebrity golf tournament last July while she was working as an executive VIP casino host at Harrah's Lake Tahoe.

"The victim is the only one who can do that," Duffy told The Associated Press. "Unless there was a third party that actually witnessed the incident, which according to the civil case, was not the case here."

The 31-year-old Nevada woman has filed a lawsuit saying the Super Bowl winning quarterback raped her in a hotel penthouse across the street from the golf course, a claim his lawyer vehemently denies.

She also accuses Harrah's officials, including the casino's chief of security, of orchestrating a cover-up of the incident she says she reported to him the next day. The lawsuit alleges Harrah's officials worked to silence her and undermine her credibility rather than investigate her claims.

The woman, a native of Canada who had worked at Harrah's Lake Tahoe hotel-casino since 2003, never went to outside authorities with her story, and it's unclear

why she decided to file the lawsuit seeking hundreds of thousands of dollars a year after the alleged incident.

Her lawsuit says she didn't file a criminal complaint because she feared Harrah's would side with Roethlisberger — a friend of the hotel-casino's regional president John Koster — and she would be fired.

She said the security chief, Guy Hyder, told her she was "over reacting," that "most girls would feel lucky to get to have sex with someone like Ben Roethlisberger"

and that "Koster would love you even more if he knew about this."

The lawsuit said she was treated between last August and December at five different hospitals for depression and anxiety stemming from the alleged assault, and returned to work each time after treatment.

She sought legal counsel in March after Harrah's officials told her Roethlisberger was invited to play in the 2009 celebrity golf tournament and ordered her to take a paid two-week leave during the event, the lawsuit said, "to

accommodate her assailant." The tournament took place last week.

Cal Dunlap, the Reno lawyer who filed her lawsuit in Washoe County District Court on Friday, said neither he nor the woman will comment.

Dunlap is the former county district attorney who also represents Nevada first lady Dawn Gibbons in divorce proceedings against Republican Gov. Jim Gibbons. Dunlap refused to discuss the woman's whereabouts.

On Wednesday, she was not at the property where she has been

living in rural Douglas County. The old dairy farm about 20 miles from Lake Tahoe has a main farmhouse and several outbuildings, some of which appear to be rented out as apartments.

Roethlisberger's lawyer David Cornwell said in a statement earlier this week that the quarterback has "never sexually assaulted anyone." He said timing of the lawsuit and absence of a criminal complaint proves his innocence.

Harrah's officials said they do not comment on pending legal matters.

The lawsuit seeks a minimum of \$440,000 in damages from the quarterback, at least \$50,000 in damages from eight Harrah's officials and an unspecified amount of punitive damages "sufficient to deter" Roethlisberger and the others "from engaging in such conduct in the future."

Meanwhile, Roethlisberger intends to stick to his plans to participate in Shaquille O'Neal's new reality TV series. He canceled a news conference set for Thursday to promote the show, but ABC spokesman Edwin Escobar said in an e-mail Wednesday that production will proceed as scheduled Friday.

In the show "Shaq Vs." debuting Aug. 18, Roethlisberger is one of the athletes the NBA star will challenge in their respective sports.

Roethlisberger has twice led the Steelers to Super Bowl victories in his five-year career and is one of the biggest names in sports.

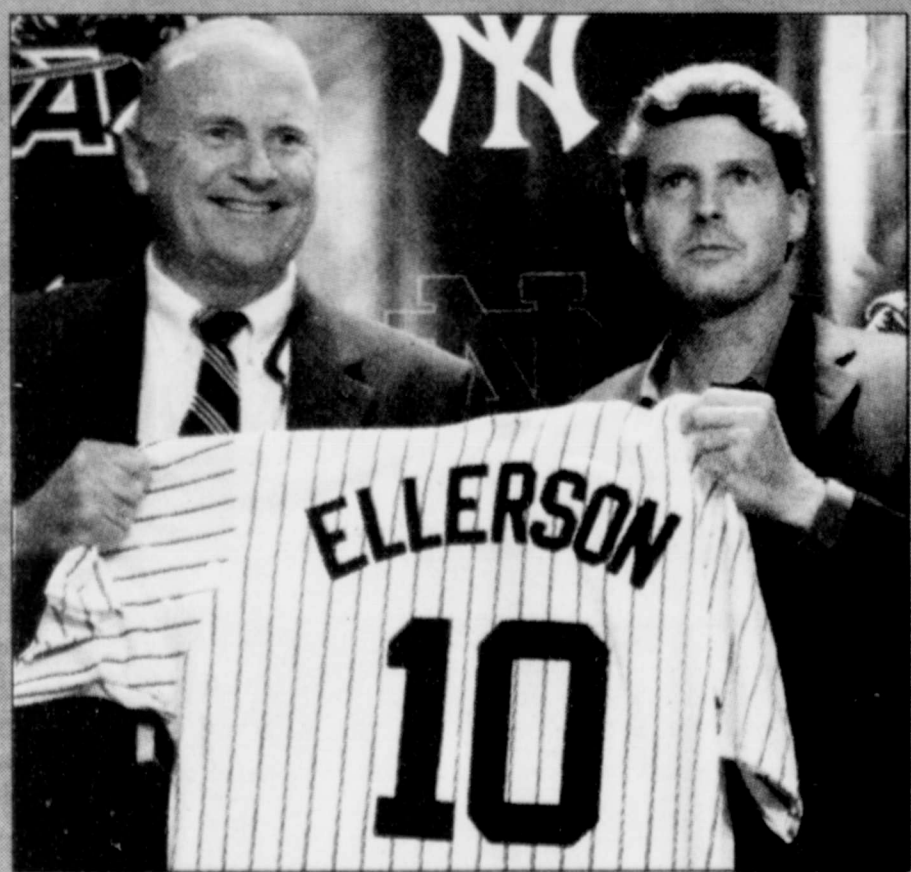
AP writer Dan Nephin in Pittsburgh and Sandra Chereb in Carson City contributed to this report.



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Ben Roethlisberger, left, and Santonio Holmes accept the ESPY Award for Best Play last week in Los Angeles.

Ellerson to lead team at Yankee Stadium



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Former Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson and New York Yankees managing general partner Hal Steinbrenner hold up a jersey to commemorate the Army football team agreeing to play Notre Dame at Yankee Stadium next season.

Women's soccer announces schedule

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly women's soccer team announced its 2009 schedule on Tuesday highlighted by four matches against 2008 NCAA Tournament qualifiers.

The Mustangs will play three Pac-10 teams including hosting a season opening tilt with Stanford on Aug. 28 in Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

The Cardinal finished the 2008 season with a 22-2-1 record, falling in the semifinals to Notre Dame. The Mustangs will also host Arizona on Sept. 27, two days after traveling to play at Cal.

Cal Poly will host Big West regular season champion Long Beach State on Oct. 18.

"We are looking forward to a very competitive nonconference schedule," Cal Poly head coach Alex Crozier said in a statement. "These games will prepare us well for our demanding conference matches."

Cal Poly finished last season with a 10-9-1 record and a Big West Conference semifinal loss to UC Santa Barbara. The Gau-



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

The Cal Poly women's soccer team will lose its top scorer from last season, Ashley Vallis (23).

chos defeated the Mustangs 5-4 on penalty kicks following a 1-1 tie.

The Mustangs will be without departed forward Ashley Vallis who led the team with five goals and 13 points. She also had a team-leading 17 shots on goal.

Cal Poly will return six starters and 22 letterwinners from last year. The team will open Big West Conference play on Oct. 2 when they travel to Cal State Northridge and wrap up the regular season at UC Santa Barbara on Nov. 1.

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